

117TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 7491

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish notification and reporting requirements relating to unlawful acts and significant emergencies faced by students in public elementary and secondary schools.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 11, 2022

Mr. CRIST (for himself and Mr. DEUTCH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Parents Need to Know  
5 Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. NOTIFICATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**  
2 **RELATING TO THREATS AND EMERGENCIES**  
3 **FACED BY STUDENTS IN ELEMENTARY AND**  
4 **SECONDARY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

5 (a) NOTIFICATION AND REPORTING REQUIRE-  
6 MENTS.—Subsection (b) of section 1112 of the Elemen-  
7 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
8 6312) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (12), by striking “and” at the  
10 end;

11 (2) by redesignating paragraph (13) as para-  
12 graph (14); and

13 (3) by inserting before paragraph (14), as so  
14 redesignated, the following new paragraph:

15 “(13) how the local educational agency will es-  
16 tablish procedures for schools served by the local  
17 educational agency to provide—

18 “(A) timely notification to parents, in a  
19 manner that does not reveal any personally  
20 identifiable information about an individual stu-  
21 dent, about—

22 “(i) an unlawful act or significant  
23 emergency that occurs on school grounds,  
24 during transportation for school-sponsored  
25 events, or during school-sponsored activi-  
26 ties; or

1                   “(ii) a threat that has been made  
2                   about an unlawful act or significant emer-  
3                   gency occurring on school grounds, during  
4                   transportation for school-sponsored events,  
5                   or during school-sponsored activities;

6                   “(B) a plan to address, mitigate, or correct  
7                   any risks to students associated with the unlaw-  
8                   ful act or significant emergency; and

9                   “(C) provide annual notice to students,  
10                  parents, and any individual who works at the  
11                  school describing the notification procedures es-  
12                  tablished under subparagraph (A); and”.

13                  (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 1112 of such Act (20  
14 U.S.C. 6312) is further amended by adding at the end  
15 the following:

16                  “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17                         “(1) TIMELY NOTIFICATION.—The term ‘timely  
18                         notification’ means, with respect to the notification  
19                         procedures established under subsection (b)(13)(A),  
20                         the exercise of reasonable care by a school to contact  
21                         the parents or other known emergency contacts of  
22                         students following the use of such notification proce-  
23                         dures, including by telephone calls, voice mail mes-  
24                         sages, text messages, and email messages.

1           “(2) UNLAWFUL ACT OR SIGNIFICANT EMER-  
2           GENCY.—The term ‘unlawful act or significant emer-  
3           gency’ means one or more of the following:

4                   “(A) Homicide or accidental death.

5                   “(B) Rape or sexual assault.

6                   “(C) Aggravated assault with intent to  
7           cause serious bodily harm.

8                   “(D) Arson.

9                   “(E) Any unauthorized possession or use  
10          of a firearm.

11                  “(F) A manmade or natural emergency in-  
12          cluding any hurricane, tornado, storm, high  
13          water, wind driven water, tidal wave, tsunami,  
14          earthquake, volcanic eruption, landslide,  
15          mudslide, snowstorm, or drought, or, regardless  
16          of cause, any fire, flood, explosion, gas leak,  
17          building collapse, or damage by aircraft.”.

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